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Kirby Game Room renovated



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The Kirby Game Room received between 70 and 90 thousand dollars in new electronics from BragGameRights this year.

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If you took a walk down the spiral staircase that leads to the Kirby Game Room you'd be blown away by the sight of 17 Insignia flat screen TVs, 17 Microsoft Xboxes, 10 Sony Play Station IIIs and eight Nintendo Wiis—all brand new. You might also be greeted by senior Kip Carolan, a Kirby Game room attendant.

"This is all still pretty brand new to us," Carolan said.

UMD students can use the game systems for just \$3.60 per hour, the same price as foosball and pool.

Over a year ago, Associate Director of the Kirby Student Center Pat Keenan set out to renovate the Kirby Game Room to the "next generation between arcade games."

What he found was a local vendor, Brag-GameRights, owned and operated by Coy Christmas. According to Keenan, BragGameRights is the vendor supplying the brand new flat screen TVs, game systems, games, accessories and new furniture to the Kirby Game Room.

The estimated cost of the equipment is between \$70,000 to \$90,000, with \$20,000 of that being game inventory, according to Christmas. This costs UMD their space and a 50 percent of the profits from the hourly fee to utilize the equipment.

"But more importantly we're giving the students a place to have fun and relax," Keenan said.

The Kirby Game Room has held similar "agreements for services" with local vendors in the past for equipment such as arcade games, according to Keenan. The contract that UMD has with Brag-GameRights goes through June 2012.

When asked if he thinks he will make back what he has invested into this venture, Christmas said, "I hope so."

Perhaps the best way to predict that is by looking at student reactions.

"It looks pretty sweet," sophomore Levi Pederson said. Pederson is a member of the fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, who just left Greek Life. Since the recently departed frat isn't allowed in the Greek Life Office anymore, members of Alpha Phi Omega have been utilizing the Kirby Game Room as a study space almost every day.

Megan Mizuko, a UMD senior is also in the Kir-

by Game Room daily.

"I think it's a better incentive for [the game room] to be used."

There hasn't been any sort of christening for the new equipment yet. Kirby Student Center is still working on a few renovations, on their dollar, to accommodate the new equipment and reinvent the space in the Game Room. Those projects are expected to be complete by the start of spring semester, along with a grand re-opening.

The Game Room will still be open its regular hours during these renovations. Hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., with extended hours on Thurs. until 1 a.m. Weekend hours are 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Cash and checks are accepted for the services in the Kirby Game Room, and credit and debit cards will be accepted soon.

One of the renovation projects includes creating a space for students to preorder, trade-in, sell and buy games at discounted rates. This service is also a part of Kirby Student Center's venture with Brag-GameRights.

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Academic advising undergoes changes

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UMD junior Colin Smith drops by the Academic Coordination Center (ACC) in Solon Campus Center on a weekly basis, gaining insight and assistance from ACC Director Kim Roufs. For Smith, the ACC is where he receives his primary student support. Come June of 2010, however, the ACC will cease to exist.

"[The ACC] has become so diverse in their function that I think they lost the initial intent as to why it was created," Vice Chancellor Vince Magnuson said.

The ACC was created to be a drop-in crisis center for students with urgent questions. Its goal, Magnuson said, is to direct students to the answers they are looking for answers. The decision to cut ACC was made in late October.

Eliminating the ACC will reserve roughly \$175,000 in the Academic Administration's budget, but money was not the main reason the administration decided to make the cut. Magnuson said it's a matter of efficiency and effectiveness, and while the ACC provides valuable services to the student body, there are overlaps in the services they provide.

Since advising can be obtained through various means on campus, a task force comprised of students, faculty and UMD administrators has been formed to review the current advising structure.

The task force will identify strengths and

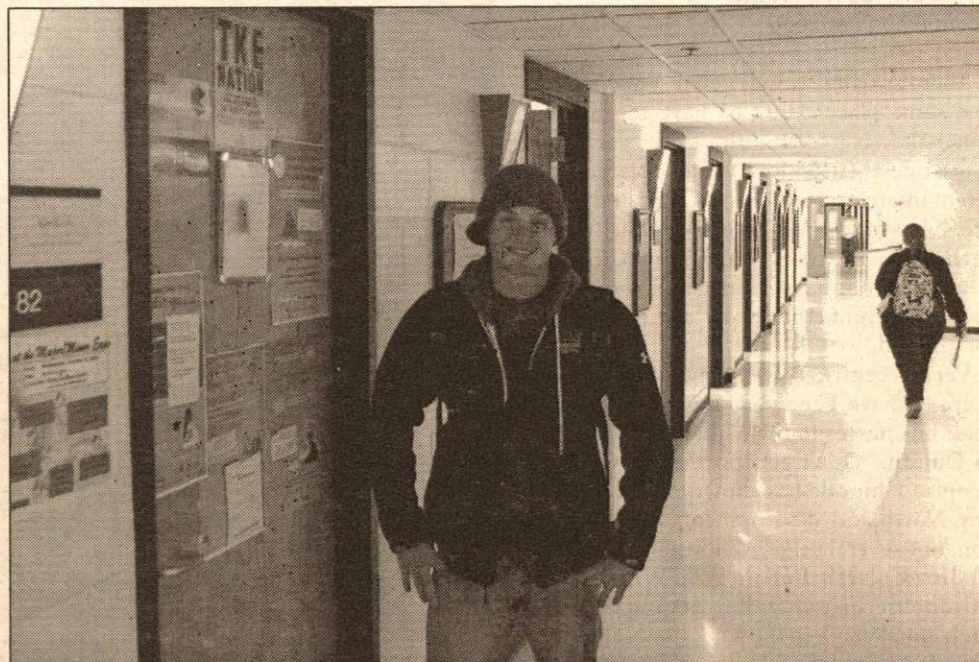
weaknesses of the current system, define faculty advisor responsibilities, recommend strategies to improve the effectiveness of advising and propose a campus advising vision and mission statement. The task force will meet for the first time on Nov. 18, and is expected to conclude their work by March 10, 2010.

So doesn't that mean the task force should determine whether or not the ACC should remain an entity on campus? According to Magnuson, it depends on your point of view, but their decision to cut ACC was one they saw necessary due to the growth of advising in collegiate offices. Now, he said, the task force will enter the issue with the cards already on the table and it's up to them to decide how to build on the current system.

Magnuson said he could not specify which services the ACC provides that may not remain available after it is cut, but he said the most important services are valued and will need to continue. He said he expects the task force will discuss how those important services will be allocated throughout the current advising system.

In the meantime, Smith is concerned for the three employees of the ACC who will have their positions cut and has started to gather the ground works for a petition.

He has created a Facebook group titled "SPEAK OUT!!" The group has just over 200 members who have shared their opinions and stories regarding the ACC and its valuable services.



DAVID COWARDIN/STATESMAN

Colin Smith stands outside the three Academic Coordination Center (ACC) offices.

One group member, Andy Kadlec, wrote "From a university standpoint, the Academic Advising Department has paid for itself by helping students to stay in school when they need help the most." Kadlec went on to write how cutting the ACC is "ludicrous."

Smith is also creating "SPEAK OUT!!" T-shirts with the help of local sponsors. He hopes that administrators will notice people

wearing the shirts and reconsider their decision to cut the ACC.

Will it work?

Magnuson said that he is willing to listen to any rational argument to convince them to change their minds, but he is not encouraging it.

How will the local election results effect college students?

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The City of Duluth held their general elections on Nov. 3. With issues such as road work, student housing, preserving the environment and keeping communities safe up for installment, 20,621 people turned out to vote and the people of Duluth have elected their councilors.

Duluth Students will be directly affected by these elections, with the 300-foot rule looming. Lake Superior student Elizabeth Meyer says she is thankful she is in a house already established as a rental, but worries about future students in Duluth.

"All of us are fine that have houses now, but as more people move into Duluth and more students move off campus, there will be nowhere to house them. It would promote shrinking in an already shrinking city," she said.

As At-Large Councilors, Dan Hartman and James Stauber will oversee the city as a whole rather than focusing on a specific district, as Patrick Boyle and Kerry Gauthier do.

Their roles in the 300-foot rule and others that will affect

UMD and other Duluth students are most prominent at this time.

Dan Hartman is quoted on his Web site, www.harmanforcouncil.org, as saying, "Its time we stop talking about why we can't and start talking about how we will build a better Duluth."

Optimistic about the future of Duluth, Hartman says he supports Mayor Ness making street care a priority. His views are that we need to do a better job taking care of the streets in Duluth.

With all the talk about the rezoning of off campus student housing, Hartman is in support with a thriving student community. He explains his priorities on his Web site, saying, "Students are an asset. Imagine all the advantages to having 500 students living in our downtown. It would be great for our businesses and would bring a new energy to our center city."

Jonaton Mitchell of the UMD Student Association said in an e-mail comment "UMDSA does not have an official stance on the 300-foot rule."

Knowing how the community and students thrived to-

gether in the past is important in seeing how the city can make the future successful as well.

Jim Stauber focused his campaign on his experience in Duluth. He says he will provide leadership as a veteran Duluth city government member. His colleagues have elected him four times as President to the Duluth Economic Development Authority and once as President of the Council.

He spoke on his Web site about unfinished business that he brought back to office, including protection of residential neighborhoods and marine development of the Bayfront area.

He made no clear comment on his campaign site about how he stands on the 300-foot rule, and a call to his home was not returned.

With new officers elected, the coming years could prove to be ones of great growth for the city of Duluth as emphasized on the candidates' campaign sites.

For now, students living in Duluth communities will continue as they have. For the future, it's the students who can bring the energy Hartman spoke of to the city of Duluth and turn it back into a growing city.

Duluth welcomes new restaraunt chains, finally

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There are some things you just need to see, and some places you just have to go when you make a trip to Duluth. The city is a great tourist destination for a wide variety of different interests, including its food and nightlife. It has many well-known establishments, such as The Pickwick, Fitger's and Coney Island, but Duluth is lacking some more common restaurants that many other cities take for granted.

Very recently, a few new franchise restaurants have been working on expanding their businesses to the Miller Hill Mall area in Duluth. Don't get too excited Chipotle people. Chipotle has shown no evidence of any Northland developments on the horizon, but several other well-known places including Culver's, Buffalo Wild Wings, Texas Roadhouse, Five Guys Burgers and Fries and Pretzelmaker are in the works and are almost open for business.

According to a Duluth Chamber of Commerce representative, most businesses do not join the Duluth Chamber of Commerce until they are already open, so information about coming businesses is held only by the businesses themselves until they start contacting people about available locations. However, some of these establishments are confirmed to be well under way.

Buffalo Wild Wings, the popular sports bar and grill, known for its 15 different wing sauces, is going to take over the old Gander Mountain space across from Miller Hill Mall, and has Dec. 16 as the projected opening date.

For those of you who don't think you can stomach another cheeseburger from McDonalds or Burger King, the city is also getting a few new burger joints.

Culver's, which is already a favorite in Superior and Two Harbors, has begun construction for a new location on the corner of Trinity Road and Mall Drive, which is also



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Texas Roadhouse will be opening Jan. 25.

right next to the mall. The site is scheduled to open before the end of the year, but the exact date is still unspecified.

Five Guys Burgers and Fries is a fast food chain that serves mainly burgers, french fries and hot dogs. The new Duluth location just opened on Nov. 16 on the streetscape at Miller Hill Mall. The restaurant is relatively scarce in the Midwest, but this one is Five Guys' third Minnesota location after St. Cloud and Edina.

As far as sit-down restaurants go, Texas Roadhouse is a "meat n' potatoes" type of place known for serving large portions. According to The Duluth 10 Web site, they

started construction back in July at 902 Mall Drive next to Olive Garden, and hired 200 people. However, they are not scheduled to open until Jan. 25.

Buffalo Wild Wings and Culver's seem to have an upper hand in college students' preferences, due to their prices and fast service.

"I'll probably go to Culver's sometimes," senior Stephen Eder said. "But I don't have the time or money for sit-down restaurants."

Jake Meyer is a junior who said he would like to go to Buffalo Wild Wings. "I'll probably go there quite a bit for game and fight nights because they get all the pay-per-view stuff."

Despite all of these restaurants being the first of their kind in Duluth, it looks like they will have some trouble roping in the college demographic due to their location and the wide variety of dining options that Duluth already has.

"I like B-Dubbs personally, but I hardly ever go up by the mall. It's too far away," junior Nick Emanuel said. "I mean, I love Taco Bell, but I can never make myself drive all the way there. Chipotle would be a different story."

DTA bike racks here for the holidays

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With winter comes many familiar staples: Cold weather, snow, and — Duluth Transit Authority (DTA) bike racks?

After over 15 years of removing the bike racks during winter, the DTA has decided to give riders access to the racks year round.

"We have had more than a fair share of mild winters and

with them brought more and more requests to leave the racks on longer," Dennis Jensen said, DTA general manager.

Before the recent change, DTA policy was to remove the bike racks at the end of Daylight Savings Time and return them when it resumed in the spring. Over the last few years, the DTA pushed back the removal date because of the warmer weather.

"Whenever we left the racks on longer, the response was always positive," Jensen said.

An upgrade in the make-up of the rack also influenced the DTA's decisions, Jensen said. The old carbon steel racks are now replaced with stainless steel. The stainless steel bike racks will not erode easily from normal winter wear and tear as the carbon steel had in the past.

"With the price of gas rising, bikes have really come into their own," Jensen said. "We're just keeping the option open for those who still wish to ride."

Toffanin improves his iPhone App, "3D Tunnel"

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Nearly two months ago, Piero Toffanin created the iPhone application, "3D Tunnel." Known for its virtual thrill of driving a spaceship through a luminescent tunnel, Toffanin plans to make some new improvements.

Over the past couple months, Toffanin found that his sales weren't doing as well as expected, and decided to take a different marketing strategy. The first thing he did was lower the price of "3D Tunnel" from \$3 to 99 cents.

"When the game cost three dollars, I made about five sales a day. When the game was 99 cents, on a good day, I would sell about 35 copies," said Toffanin.

However, to Toffanin most applications are underestimated.

"They really don't go for how much they should. Developers are willing to put their application on sale just to get buyers. I guess it shows how cheap people are," Toffanin said.

Many big companies will spend around \$2,000 a day to promote their game, but Toffanin found a

cheaper way to promote his game. "I released a demo version of '3D Tunnel,' called "3D Tunnel Light." "The demo game gives people a chance to try the game. Of course the demo game has less levels, less spaceships and features," Toffanin said.

After Toffanin released his demo game, he got more than 300 comments from people telling him that the paid version of "3D Tunnel" didn't have enough features, and that there wasn't a significant difference between the free demo game and the original version that costs 99 cents.

"I am currently working on new features for '3D Tunnel' to make it more exciting by adding power ups, time warps, extra points and much more," Toffanin said.

Although he isn't making a huge profit off his iPhone application, Toffanin is happy he spent the time he did creating it.

"The work and experience I got from doing it really is worth the work load. It looks good on my resume, and I just really have fun doing this stuff."

\$125 fine for a frosty windshield

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Until the very first snow, many of us take for granted the mornings when we can just get into our cars and drive off. Now there is a struggle. We must pry open our frozen doors, slide inside the freezing automobile and pray that we won't have to scrape off the windshield.

Except scraping off windshields is more of a necessity than just a bother.

"You see drivers with a hole the size of a saucer to see out of, and you think how safe is that?" Sgt. Jim Lesar said, who is in charge of the Traffic Bureau in Duluth.

A Minnesota State Statute, 169.71-Windshield, reads:

"No person shall drive any motor vehicle with the wind-

shield or front side windows covered with steam or frost to such an extent as to prevent proper vision."

Police can and will stop anyone that does not have their windshield properly scraped off according to these guidelines. The penalty for this can rise up to a \$125 fine, and even more damaging consequences.

"The fine is nothing when you compare it to the costs of an accident, or your insurance rates going up," Sgt. Lesar said.

According to Sgt. Lesar, only a small fraction of people don't scrape their windshields.

"People usually take the few minutes in the morning to warm up their car," Sgt. Lesar said. "I think people start to realize that its worth the time to scrape their windshields instead of getting into an accident."

Tips for avoiding a costly ticket this winter

Defrost your windshield:

-Make sure you have enough gas the night before and start your car before you defrost.

-Set the controls to defrost. They should be set for a high heat, but at a low speed. This is to prevent cold air from being blown onto the windshield.

-After the ice has somewhat melted, use your windshield wipers to wipe away the melted ice.

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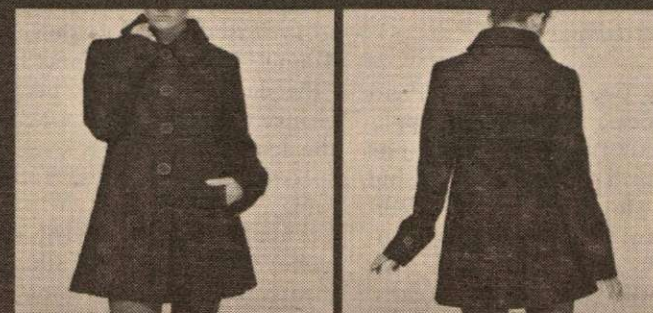
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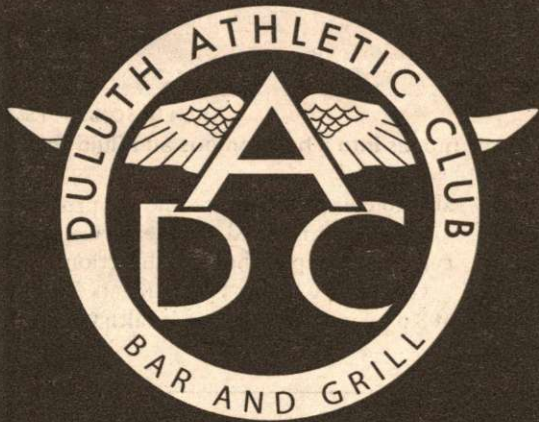
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A new way to look at combat with Brazilian martial arts

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The world we live in today is unfortunately filled with greed, corruption and violence. Violence permeates into our daily lives through media, through circumstances, and even in video games. But, what if this horrible concept of violence could be modified, changed at its very roots? What if you could completely change the attitude of combat? This question begins to dive into the ideals of Capoeira.

Capoeira is a form of martial arts that originated in Brazil. While Capoeira is fundamentally different from the traditional view of martial arts, it is not in any way about harming the opponent. Capoeira, although combative in nature, is about mutually benefiting all players in the "roda," or the circle of participants.

Stephen Vosberg, the leader of Capoeira club at UMD said, "Capoeira is an African, Brazilian, dance, martial art, combined into a peaceful game." Capoeira incorporates kicks, dodges, and other moves, but these moves are never done with the intent of harming another individual. Each move is a new part of the dance, a new element of the game. Vosberg said that, "It is like in football, there is the game and there are a bunch of little victories. In Capoeira, there are those little moments, like when you learn a new cool move."

Vosberg is a purple-green cord in the art of Capoeira. Two other members of the group have gained this rank: Justin Brach and Matt Harris. The group at UMD is composed of a dedicated collection of male and female

students, some highly experienced and some not. Capoeira is definitely a learning process, however, it is not something that an amateur cannot enjoy.

Anthony Brown, a newcomer to Capoeira said, "It's not one of those things where you have to do it for years and years before you get anything out of it. I have only been doing this for a couple weeks, and I really feel like I have gained a lot."

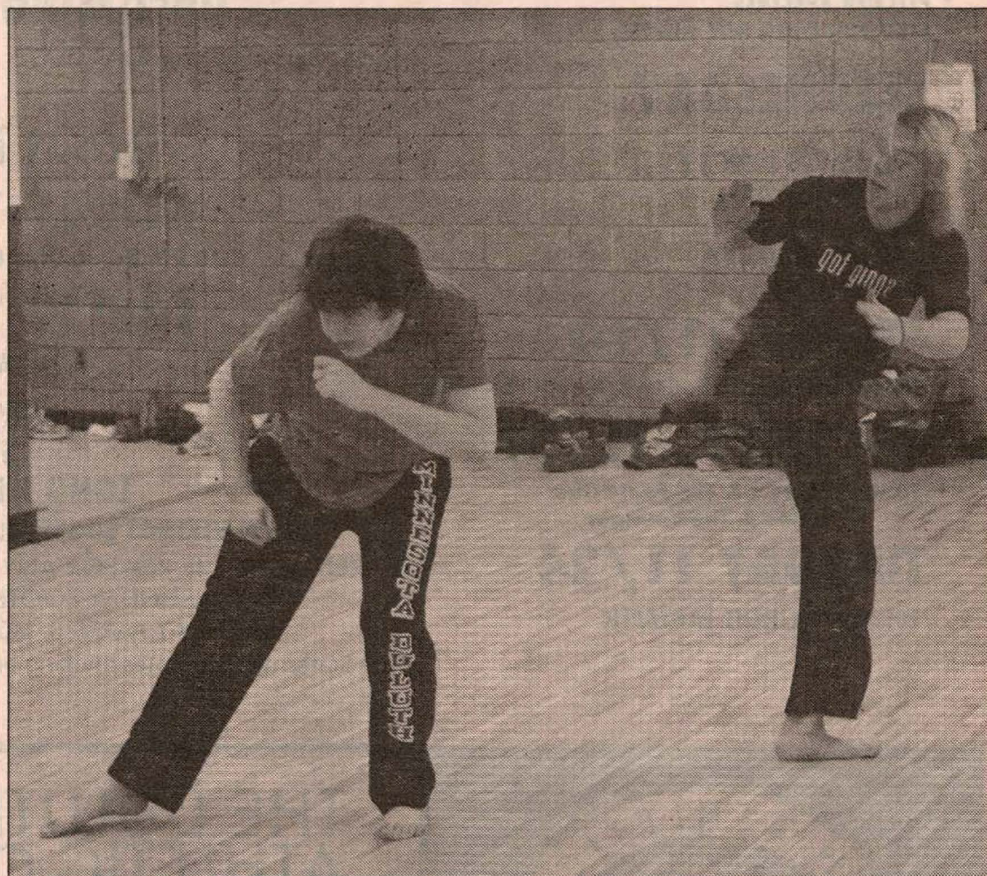
Capoeira involves multiple tasks including singing, dancing, clapping, dodging, kicking and a variety of other acrobatic moves. All of these actions are combined into a kind of harmony, a peaceful rhythm of fluid motions.

Lynn Gunter, another member of the club, said, "It's learning a lot of different things mixed into one. You learn gymnastic flips, a little bit of the Portuguese language, multi-tasking, clapping, singing and playing all at once. It's a great interaction with other people."

Capoeira has a rich background and history originating back to slave plantations in Brazil where African slaves were the originators of Capoeira. For a long time, it remained isolated in Brazil, but recently its popularity has grown greatly and it has gained prominence all over the world. People embrace Capoeira as a way to exercise, enjoy music, get in touch with another culture and get to know people, all at the same time.

Capoeira club can be intimidating to people, both in its uniqueness and its basement location. Yet once the nature of Capoeira is understood, intimidation is not a word that comes to mind.

Nicolas Deshaw, a dark green cord in Ca-



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Capoeira blends acrobatic moves into a harmonious and fluid rhythm.

poeira said, "Capoeira is for men, women and children. The only person it's not for is people who don't want to try." Capoeira is not exclusive; the club welcomes anyone and everyone with any desire to dabble in this art form. While the Capoeira club may not be

able to completely overcome the problem of violence in this world, the idea of Capoeira is certainly a step in the right direction.

Capoeira Club at UMD meets Thursday at 8 p.m. in 33 Sports and Health Center.

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Let's face it, UMD. The next few weeks will be crazy, hectic and full of unwanted stress. Between holiday trips home to see loved ones, exams, final papers and projects, there can be no time left to de-stress.

According to the Health Services Web site, a certain amount of stress is a good thing. It can keep you focused and motivated to finish. But too much stress that's not handled properly can lead to trouble sleeping, worrying and sometimes serious anxiety problems. There are a few things I have found that help me when I feel there is too much on my plate.

A few deep breaths can be a big help. Sit up straight in your chair and inhale for five seconds. Hold your breath for five seconds and

exhale slowly for 10 seconds. Repeat and you will feel refreshed.

Another helpful technique to try is to set aside at least 30 minutes each day to do something fun: Rock out to a favorite album, read a good book or go for a run. It may seem like big sacrifice when that deadline is getting closer, but this mini vacation will allow your mind to relax, release mood boosting endorphins and help you tackle your project from a different angle when you return to work.

A game plan can help ease some nervous tension, especially around the holidays. By writing down a to-do list and a calendar, the upcoming month is divided up into smaller, more manageable tasks. A check next to a finished task will give you the motivation to keep at it.

Do you have a good way to combat stress? Comment on this story at www.umdstatesman.com to share your tips and tricks. Let's meet up again, just you, me and UMD.

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Tis the
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Deaf performer engages audience without a word

BY LAURENLUNDEEN

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On Nov. 13, something different happened in Bohannon 90. There was a performance done in American Sign Language (ASL) with a voice interpreter; not your typical performance. Sitting in that filled room, I watched Nic Zapko tell her story of growing up using ASL through a performance entitled *A Look in the Mirror: The Memoir of a Deaf Performer*.

Zapko was born deaf into a family that was all hearing except for her eldest brother. Her story was about how she had to overcome many struggles, and found hope and redemption. It was a very empowering story shared through her voice interpreter, Patty Gordon.

Now, I understand very little ASL. I know the sign for octopus, hungry, most letters of the alphabet, plus a few more, all thanks to a few of my friends who are fluent in it. Even though I know barely any ASL, it was fascinating to watch Zapko perform completely ASL. Zapko was so animated and engaging that for the first time while sitting in a classroom, I didn't

once look at the clock.

The performance was sponsored in large part by Access for All (AFA). AFA promotes awareness throughout campus and the community, and helped get the Deaf Studies minor back in 2008. AFA peer advisor Kristy Seaver was thrilled about the event.

"I'm really excited to have this as an opportunity for students. It's a different performance, done in sign language and interpreted in voice. It's a big aspect because we've never done anything like this before," Seaver said.

Penny Cragun, director of UMD Disability Resources, was also excited about Zapko's performance. "You get a better appreciation for ASL and insides into the deaf culture; each person is an individual," she said.

Zapko's performance inspired not just the deaf community but also everyone that was there. While most people are out Friday nights with friends, going around town or watching movies inside, I wasn't. I was sitting in that large Bohannon 90 room watching Zapko tell her story and loved every minute of it.



2012

Dear Mr. Emmerich,
(Writer/Director of "2012")

You've wasted three hours of my life that I cannot get back.

Movie plot: Stop me if you've heard this one before. A kind-hearted yet unsuccessful divorcee who can't connect with his children is forced into an extraordinary situation in which he is asked to save civilization from a world that is exploding, flooding, shifting and shaking all around him. Not only will he be asked to save the day, he will some how out-run earthquakes, dodge falling meteor-like volcanic rocks, drive a car like Jeff Gordon and hold his breath longer than David Blaine. Earth is doomed, yet no one finds out about it because of a government cover up trying to keep the peace until dooms day. If the public knew there would be anarchy. Sound familiar? Oh, and I hope you enjoy airplanes barely escaping a crumbling runway, because that scene will be in the movie almost identically three different times.

I feel like I've seen this movie before. Let me think, oh yeah: "The Day After Tomorrow," "Deep Impact," "Armageddon," "The Core," and "Knowing." There is a small differ-

ence between these movies past and "2012." These movies have an average running time at just about two hours. "2012" is two hours and forty minutes long. You could have cut entire characters out of this film without the slightest change in the plot or emotion. Characters we have met on screen for two minutes do not deserve an eight-minute tearful goodbye. We don't need to see three different airplanes avoiding certain death by inches three different times. It's a boring, overplayed scene that squanders my time that could have been better spent doing something else, like not seeing your dreadful movie.

If you do intend to make another movie, please reconsider the importance of unnecessary, gratuitous explosions, and perhaps add a little substance to your films. Explosions might hold my attention for a scene or two, but it won't camouflage the loose storylines, cheesy one-liners and hippy Woody Harrelsons. Please, Mr. Emmerich, you're better than this.

Yours,
Kyle DeGoey

Overall Grade: F

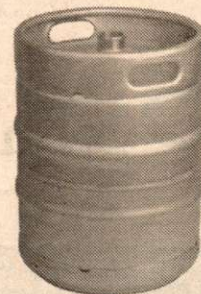
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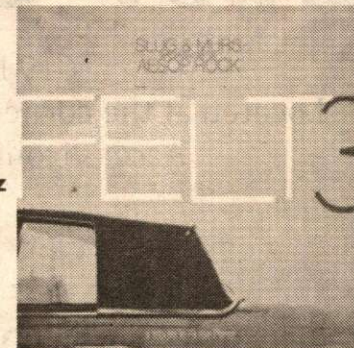
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Felt 3:
A Tribute to Rosie Perez



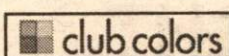
Slug (Atmosphere) and Murs (Living Legends) are back for a third time and have brought in Definitive Jux favorite Aesop Rock to man the boards. "Felt 3: A Tribute to Rosie Perez" continues the tradition of part collaboration and part competition between the two MCs as well as paying tribute to a B-list actress. However, there is a difference between this album and its predecessors. Aesop Rock guides the duo in a different direction with his electro-influenced beats and unlike the previous Felt volumes, this one clocks in at a marathon 70+ minutes.

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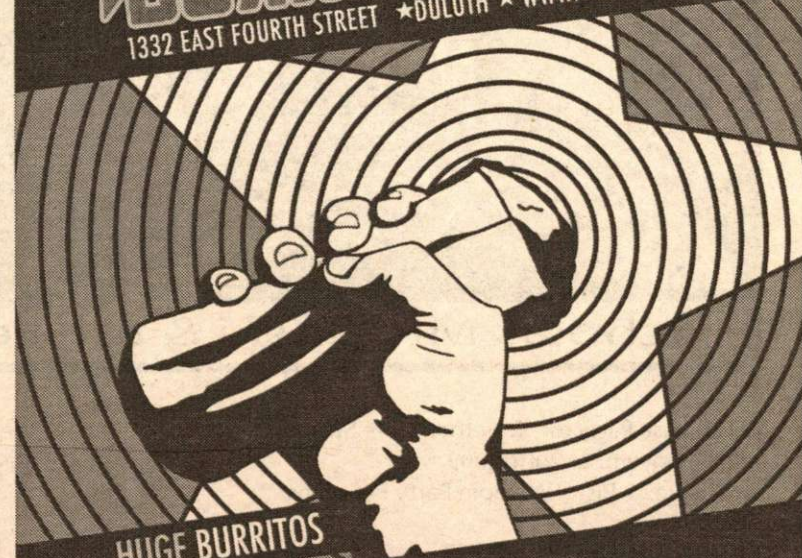


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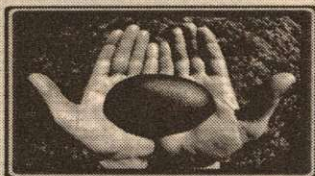
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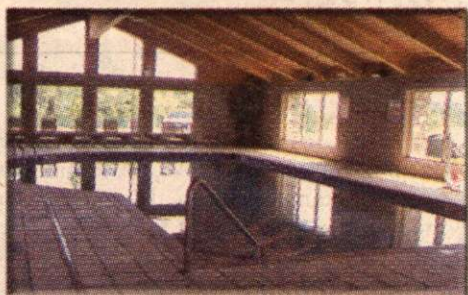
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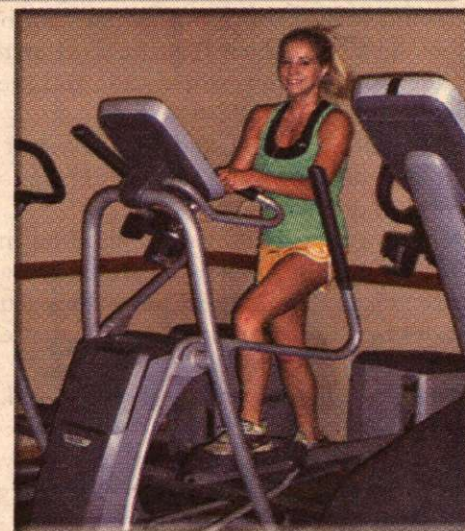
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OUR VOICE:

Too quick to jump on the bandwagon

The only thing worse than making a derogatory statement is making one just because somebody else did, all the while knowing it's offensive and wrong. Mirroring stupidity is often shallower than stupidity itself, and unfortunately easier to get away with.

We've all experienced it as little kids, the act of justifying a naughty behavior by passing the blame off on another: "But Mom, he did it too!" We all know how that story ends.

Here we are, attendees of a wonderful, diverse university, displaying the same behavior we did as kids. On Oct. 17, the UMD Bulldogs dropped the puck against the Minnesota State Mankato Mavericks at the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center (DECC). Since the Mavericks sported purple jerseys, Bulldog fans decided to sling homosexual slurs toward the ice, which inevitably caught the ears of the entire crowd and caused an upset mother to send a letter to many UMD administrators displaying her disgust.

In response, UMD Athletic Director Bob Nielson e-mailed 450 student season ticket holders, threatening to revoke their tickets if the inappropriate behavior persisted.

Students got off easy for their inappropriate conduct: The e-mail threat might as well have said actions were permissible. I imagine, however, that if these things were said at a Vikings game the responsible subjects would have had five burly men with bad breath and menacing tattoos breathing down their necks. But that wasn't the case, students knew their actions would slide and therefore considered them justified.

It was probably quite easy. One student could start the chant and the rest could follow, hiding behind one person's ignorance without feeling a tinge of guilt or remorse.

To make a long story short, it's easy to jump on the bandwagon, but before doing so, it's best to know where that wagon is heading. It's easy to get caught in the moment, but before getting tangled in the excitement, it's best to have a sense of how that excitement will unravel.

But nah, everyone was doing it, so it was no big deal. Or was it?

-David Cowardin

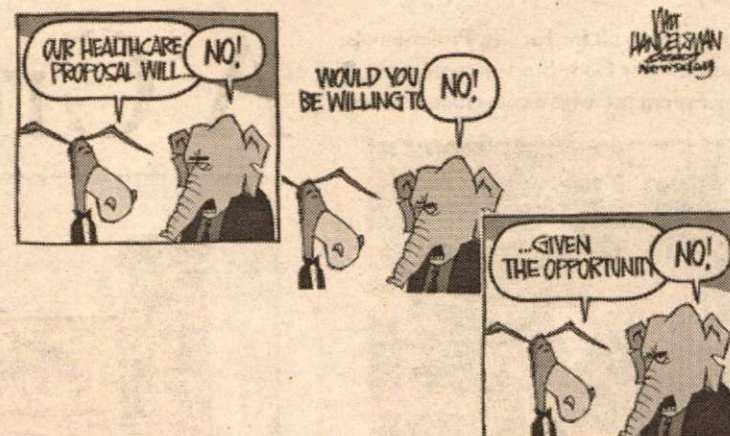
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Letter to the editor: Students should feel safe on campus

In light of recent media coverage on sexual harassment at UMD, the Women's Resource and Action Center (WRAC), the Commission on Women, the Women's Studies Advisory Board the Women's Studies Department and AFSCME Local 3801 (UMD clerical and technical staff) would like to extend their support and encouragement to women in the campus community. Everyone has the right to feel safe on campus, and this sense of safety involves knowing that the university does not tolerate sexual harassment. The UMD Policy Statement on Sexual Harassment (www.d.umn.edu/umdoeo/sexual_harass.html) states that, "Sexual harassment in any situation is reprehensible. It subverts the mission of the university, and threatens the careers of students, faculty, and staff." Even though sexual harassment is officially unacceptable, our society often blames victims or discounts the severity of situations involving sexual harassment. With this in mind, it takes tremendous bravery for women to stand up and re-

port situations that create unacceptable working and learning environments. We are continuously working to create a campus climate that improves and enriches the learning environment for women on campus. We will continue to be resources for women on campus and support the right of all people to feel safe at UMD. We stand in solidarity with all women on campus who have dealt or deal with sexual harassment and recognize the strength it takes to come forward.

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Letter to the editor: We must be sensitive to differences

I agree very much with a recent article entitled "Skeptics find accepting forum at UMD." I think it is great that our university allows so many diverse groups, such as atheists, agnostics and theists, and everything else. In the article I am referring to, it was stated that many posters for the skeptics group were torn down. It was not noted in the article last week that these posters showed the classic evolutionary depiction of apes evolving slowly into men. These posters were different in what they showed at the end stage. Usually the final stage depicts a human, but in its place was a new stage consisting of an ape with a necklace hanging from his mouth that had a cross attached to it.

Ripping down any posters around school is something I've never done and don't condone because of the great blessing of freedom of speech we have. When I first saw this poster described above, I was not deeply offended, even though I'm a Christian. Days later though, I saw the same poster—or half of what

remained of it in the same spot—apparently someone was offended. My mother told me I was insensitive for speaking to people the way I did. I never understood it because I never thought I'd be offended if someone said to me what I said to others.

I now understand people are different, and it's important to be sensitive to each person's feelings and different levels of sensitivity. It's great to put up signs inviting others to join groups, but I feel that there's no reason that one should put anything that might offend another for their religious beliefs. Depicting a religious group as stupid or less than human (an ape) for their religious beliefs is intolerant and divisive for people.

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House passes public option

Republicans stagnate change on healthcare bill

BY SAMUEL LOBBY
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Recently the House of Representatives passed a historic healthcare bill, the first major step in revamping the U.S. healthcare system. The bill included the hotly debated public option, but the issue that seems to be creating the most controversy is the abortion amendment that was added to the bill. This bill prohibits the government from subsidizing abortions under the public option. Many Democrats were outraged, while Republicans and blue dog Democrats considered this a success.

The fear is that this will lead to a rise in back alley abortions, and many say it is a step backward for women's rights. Republicans think that this is a positive amendment that protects the unborn. Realistically, this issue is but a fragment of the overall healthcare bill, and is nothing more than a hot-button issue to get both sides fired up. The real issue at stake here is the 50 million uninsured Americans who are suffering from a lack of necessary healthcare day after day, and will continue to carry this burden until something is passed.

In the U.S., we pay twice as much for healthcare than any other country, yet we receive fewer benefits. We live in America, the greatest nation on earth. If there is any place in the world that should have a comprehensive healthcare system, it is here. Healthcare is a right, not a privilege, and should be available to all Americans. Not only will a reformed healthcare system benefit the millions of uninsured Americans, it will relieve the huge financial burden we all are experiencing.

This bill may not be perfect, and it may not be exactly what President Obama had in mind, but at this point it is more important to get something through that will benefit the American people. People are suffering, and those are the ones we should be concerned about. That is not to say that we should rush a poorly written bill through, but it is important to realize some of the overall components that will likely be passed in any bill. For example, a guarantee that insurance companies can no longer deny coverage for pre-existing conditions.

Most importantly, we will probably see a bill that gets all Americans insured. Issues such as the public option or the abortion amendment are only small pieces of reform. We can't get ahead of ourselves and start arguing about what will and will not work before we even know. If we can pass something, we can tinker with it along the way to make it better.

If the Democrats had to make a compromise in order to pass this bill, it only shows the greatness of a democratic system. This may be a signal that we are getting better at meeting halfway. If the Democrats are the ones who have to step up and make the compromises to create change, so be it. Responsibility doesn't always mean winning. I have faith that President Obama will do what is necessary to make this country reach a much higher potential.

Democrats ignore other US healthcare reform options

BY RYAN LYK
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The recent passage of the healthcare bill means one thing: Republicans need to try harder. The New York Times reported that a \$1.1 trillion bill passed in the house with a "slim margin," but with 39 Democrats opposed to it in the House and the Senate teetering on the edge of a filibuster majority, Majority Leader Harry Reid has a lot of work to do.

The GOP does not want healthcare to stay as it is. In fact, making this a debate over change is highly ignorant. The opposition here is quite simple: Obama's plan is wrong for America. Simply put, it is too costly and will lead to a collapse of private sector healthcare. Obama has a plan though, a way to completely pay for this change.

The current economy and the policies of Obama are not exactly boosting enough significant revenue to come up with \$1.1 trillion. In order to solve this, Obama will tax the country and these taxes will have to be drastic, because Obama's plan requires a lot more coverage than Social Security and Medicare. According to the Department of the Treasury, America faces a \$43 trillion obligation to these programs. Tax increases would be very harmful.

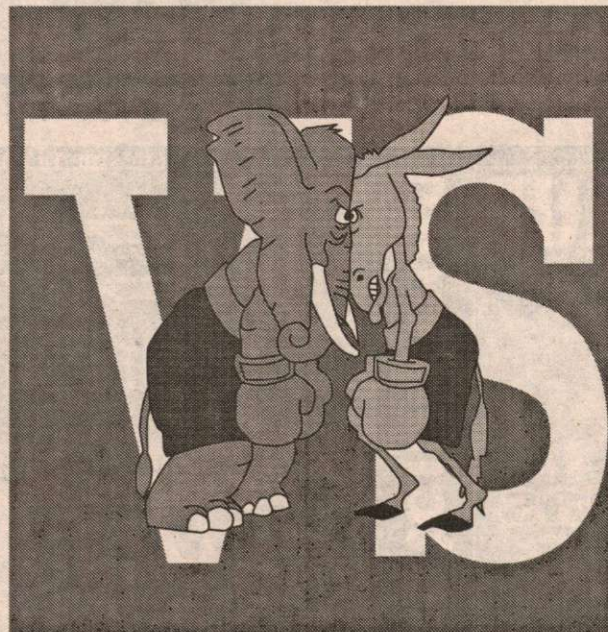
The GOP reports that 5.4 percent surtax would exist on small businesses placing a \$153.3 billion burden on these Americans. The last time this happened was the stimulus, and since then about 3 million private-sector jobs have been lost. The argument always seems to be that a tax on the ultra-wealthy is harmless to the economy and the middle class, but keep in mind that according to The American, The Congressional Budget Office reported that "since the 2003 tax cuts, federal revenues have grown by \$745 billion—the largest real increase in history over such a short time period." Does it make sense to impose taxes that would redo the progress made?

Perhaps what will help move this debate along and produce a nice product is to ask a couple of questions. The True North Manifesto asked on their Web site "Why doesn't the Democrats' healthcare legislation include lawsuit abuse reform? Don't abusive lawsuits drive up defensive medicine costs?" This is exactly true.

As the GOP we need to "end junk lawsuits that contribute to higher healthcare costs by increasing the number of tests and procedures that physicians sometimes order not because they think it is good medicine, but because they are afraid of being sued."

Obama's plan simply offers yet another massive government takeover that mocks systems where the wait is too long and whether or not the treatment will be given is decided by a government employee. Maybe "death panel" is too harsh, but the Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research that Obama's plan sets up is supposed to find ways that diseases can best be treated or managed, which in the interest of money, may just be to pull the plug.

The Democrats constantly ignore the Republican alternative to the bill and attempt to appease moderates with various amendments such as the one ending any possibility for federal funding of abortion. The real concerns are the economic ones, and Obama has yet to get a handle on this.



Student complacency: Are we really satisfied?

BY BAILEY LEVEILLE
for UMD Statesman

Recently, I attended an international lecture entitled, "African Soul, American Heart," in which Joseph Akol Makeer recounted the horrors he experienced as a young boy in the warring country of Sudan. In his speech, Makeer mentioned that he had learned to read and write at the age of 14. This struck me, and I looked around at the members of the audience who, I suspect, had become literate at very young ages. Makeer convinced me that, as students, we have not been good stewards of the knowledge given to us.

In the face of an abundance of information and knowledge, students are found to be complacent and boastful of the ideology, "Let's just get this over with." I have to ask: Why? Why aren't we striving to reach our potential and take advantage of the opportunities before us? Perhaps it is because this generation has become too comfortable and satisfied with our current state of life.

If students give way to complacency, then

there is no reason why we would seek to grow, learn or improve ourselves. This mind set contradicts the purpose of pursuing a higher education.


College provides the student body with an extensive array of challenges, opportunities and resources to help develop one's skills and yet, here we are striving not to strive.

Students that do take advantage of all the resources have succeeded in achieving individual growth, reaching and even exceeding past their potential. Yet even when such success is attainable, because this country provides its people with numerous academic advantages, many of us disadvantage ourselves by being complacent.

To the students who are striving and taking advantage of the opportunities available, I offer my applause and respect for making the most of the knowledge made available to you. To those, including myself, who are allowing themselves to be complacent, I offer a challenge: May we see the potential before us and strive to attain it.

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Location: Vail, Colorado

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Number of Lifts: 31

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Local getaway: Lutsen Mountains

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Location: Lutsen, Minn.

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The Weekly Wanderer is still poking around in the woods, his column will resume Dec 2.

Down the drain

Dumping of untreated sewage into Lake Superior to end in 2016

BY SCOTT SCHMIDLEY
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Lake Superior boasts the title of largest freshwater lake by surface in the world, and as a city of its coast, Duluth holds a responsibility to maintain the health of its intricate ecosystem by keeping the water clean.

Between 1999 and 2004, the city of Duluth and the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) experienced at least 250 sewer overflows, which resulted in the dumping of at least 47 million gallons of untreated sewage into the St. Louis River and Lake Superior, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Still occurring in 2009, these overflows generally happen during times of heavy rain. Clear water enters and overwhelms the sewer system leading to untreated sewage flowing into the lake.

A consent decree was lodged in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota on June 23. This is a legal document created by the EPA, Department of Justice and Minnesota Pollution Control Agency that requires the City of Duluth and WLSSD to completely eliminate sewer overflows into

Lake Superior by 2016.

"We have made great progress over the past 10 years in reducing overflows, but now our challenge is to eliminate them completely," Duluth Mayor Don Ness said. "All told, the city will spend between \$70 to \$90 million in upgrades to our sanitary sewer infrastructure."

Duluth's 400 miles of trunk sewers and WLSSD's 75 miles of regional interceptor sewers are only a small portion of the problem. Karen Anderson, director of Community Relations at WLSSD said, "Economically speaking, it is better to stop the problem at the source. However, that the deadlines in the consent decree don't allow enough time for this."

During heavy rains, storm water from homes and businesses is supposed to be absorbed into the ground or flow out into the street, down the storm sewer and eventually into Lake Superior. But in many Duluth homes with aging or illegal plumbing connections, storm water enters the sanitary sewer lines and overwhelms the system, causing this sewage/rainwater mix to overflow into the natural environment.

The source—homes and businesses with antiquated and cracked plumbing—consti-

tutes the majority of the problem, according to Anderson. This leaves the problem's resolution to the people of Duluth.

"So far, the city [and WLSSD] has paid about a half million in fines to the EPA for past overflows. Within the consent decree, if we fail to comply with the order, the fines could very quickly range into multimillion dollars to the feds every year. We want to avoid that if at all possible," Ness said. Future penalties totaling \$1.63 million per year could be imposed upon each location that continues to overflow past the decree's deadline.

"WLSSD has already spent \$20 million to correct sewer overflows since 2002, and we'll need to spend another \$30 million in our part of the system," said Anderson of the WLSSD costs to correct overflows in their regional sewer system.

As one of many U.S. cities with sewer inflow and infiltration problems, Duluth has a hefty financial burden on its shoulders. Among the efforts put forth thus far to correct the problem are mass storage tanks that prevent sewage overflows to the lake. However, in extreme cases, they too become overwhelmed due to torrential rain. More storage tanks and other system improvements are planned to eliminate overflows by the dates set forth in the consent decree.

Although overflows still occur, the improvements to the sewer systems to date have made a big difference. A heavy rainstorm on Aug. 19 overwhelmed the sewer system at

seven locations, leading to 790,000 gallons of sewage dumping into Lake Superior according to WLSSD. A comparable rainstorm in October of 2005 overflowed the systems in 25 locations and totaled about 11.4 million gallons.

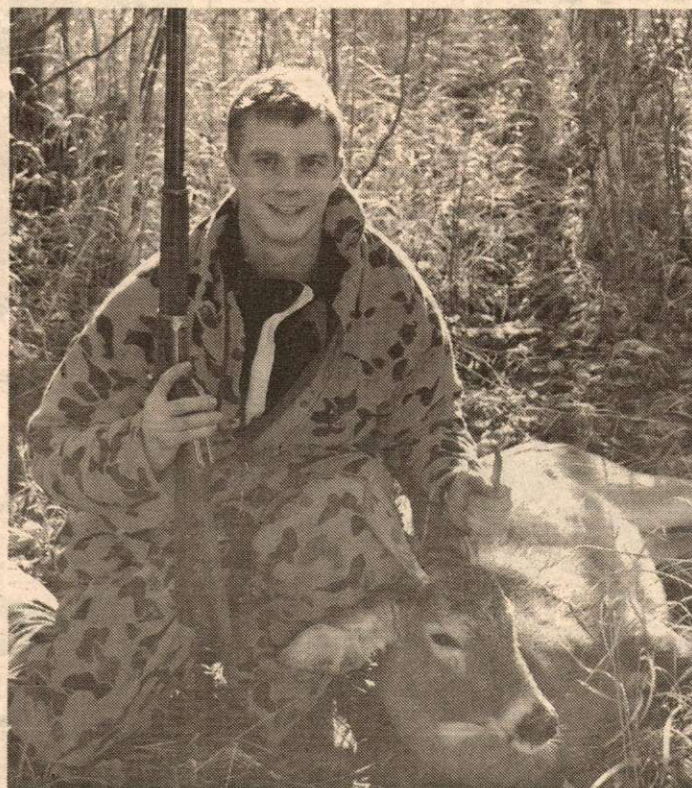
The Clean Water Act of 1972 states that, "It is the national policy that the discharge of toxic pollutants in toxic amounts be prohibited." The City of Duluth has been out of compliance for years; every time the sewer overflows resulting in Lake Superior dumping it is a violation of the Act.

Currently in committee and making its way through legislature is the Water Protection and Reinvestment Act of 2009, a bill that has the goal, "To establish a Water Protection and Reinvestment Fund to support investments in clean water and drinking water infrastructure, and for other purposes," according to the bill. Anderson said there is a national financial gap of \$500 billion between available funding and municipality need. The bill proposes to establish a trust fund, much like that in place for airports, roads and bridges, to help maintain this critical public infrastructure.

"We are blessed to live next to Lake Superior and with that, it is our most sacred responsibility as Duluthians to protect the lake and the fresh water of our area. It is difficult and it is expensive, but in the end, we are doing important work on behalf of our Lake," Ness said.



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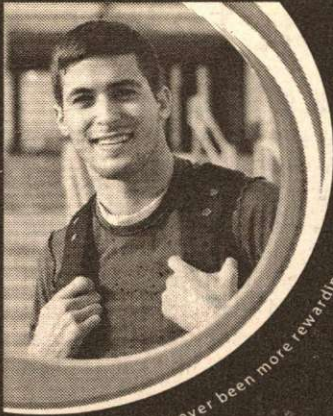
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Former Bulldog takes his place in the NHL Hall of Fame

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It's not every day that an athlete achieves immortality. In fact, it is so rare that in the long history of UMD Athletics, only a few have emerged to achieve this type of remembrance. Some are remembered as Bulldog greats. Some have fixtures of UMD athletics named after them. Some become legends.

Such is the case for one particular UMD Alumni. Before our time here, this athlete gained worldwide recognition and drew the spotlight to the Northland. Singlehandedly, he brought the Bulldogs into national attention. His name is still synonymous with greatness. To his teammates he was known as their leader, to the hockey world he was known as the "The Golden Brett." The person in question is the one,

the only, Brett Hull.

Hull played two years here at UMD, entering in 1984 and departing in 1985 for the bright lights and big checks of the NHL. However, he didn't leave without being noticed. To this day, Hull still holds UMD hockey records in: Goals in a season (52), number of hat tricks in a season (7) and tallied the rookie scoring mark at 32. He was voted the Rookie of the Year in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA) that year as well. His tenure was short, but fruitful, and he left the Bulldogs behind for the NHL playoffs when he joined the Calgary Flames. His professional career didn't take off until 1989, when he was traded to the St. Louis Blues. It was here that he established his legend. In St. Louis, he became the face of their franchise.

Morphing from the young rookie into the NHL all-star he came to be. He marked a league record in goals scored for right wings, an astounding 86 scores. Hull was selected to the all-star game eight times out of his first 10 seasons in the NHL. It was also in Missouri that Hull joined the prolific 500-goal club, accomplishing the feat by capping a hat trick on a frigid night in December of 1996.

What makes Hull special and sets him apart from other highly touted athletes of his era, is his experience at all levels of competition. By the time Brett Hull hung up his skates for good in 2006, he had notched 741 goals (3rd all-time), 650 assists (48th all-time), 1391 points (19th all-time) and 1269 games (43rd all-time), placing him among the greatest players to ever play the game. From the NCAA to the Olympics,

Hull has seen and done it all. Division I college hockey, check. NHL All Star Game, check. Hart Memorial Trophy (NHL MVP Award), check. Team USA, check. Series-clinching goal in triple overtime of the Stanley Cup finals, check that too. Hull has been everywhere, and done just about everything a hockey player can possibly hope to achieve. Except for one thing.

On Nov. 7, Hull was inducted into the NHL Hall of Fame, forever immortalizing one of UMD's favorite sons. This honor capped an amazing career, for a once-in-a-lifetime talent. His induction was important to the hockey community on many, many levels. The effects of this honor shook all the way down to his humble beginnings, here at the University of Minnesota Duluth. Head Coach Scott Sandelin played against Brett Hull back when Sandelin donned one of those awful Sioux jerseys during his college days.

"Well, he sure was tough to play against, that's for sure. Anytime someone is inducted into the Hall of Fame, he's pretty special. We know that, and that's why we retired his jersey here a couple years ago," Sandelin said.

Hull has had an immense impact on the people and the athletes of Duluth. His legend continues to provide generation after genera-



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Brett Hull in his retro, UMD attire

tion of Bulldog hockey players with the confidence and hope. The hope that they too will achieve great things while wearing the colors of their hero. We will never get to see another #29 in action. The only one left is here in Duluth, but #29, Hull, will be remembered in the efforts, dedication, and determination of countless future hockey players that put on that sweater. All will also leave here, but only some will become legends.

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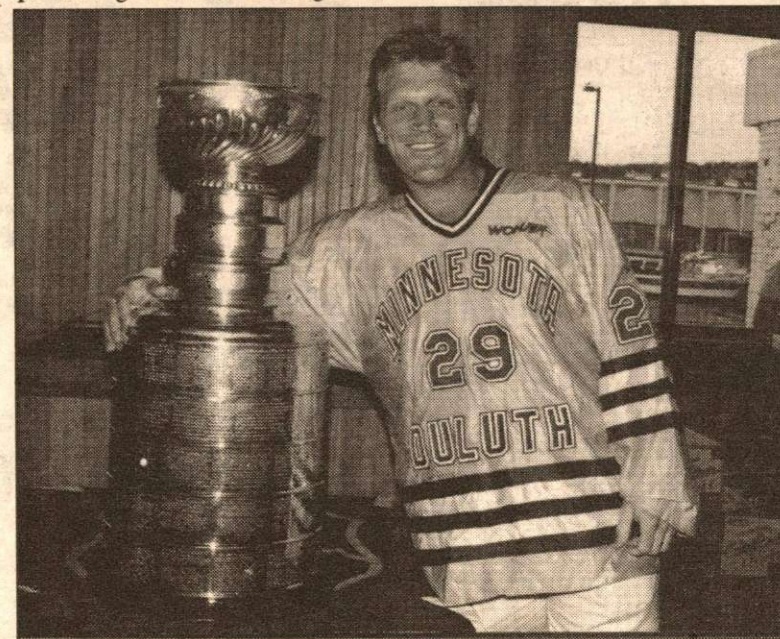


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Former Bulldog Brett Hull poses next to the Stanley Cup.

Both hoop teams open up the season at home

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Last Sunday the UMD men's basketball team opened their season at home in Romano Gymnasium against Michigan Tech University. The Bulldogs boasted a small lead throughout the game, but with only a few seconds left they came down to the wire with a 70-68 victory over the Huskies.

Sophomore Ryan Rasmussen led the Bulldogs with 18 total points. Senior captain Ron White and freshman Jake Hottenstine each put up 13 points, adding to the Bulldogs total. Freshman Dylan Rodriguez also made his Bulldog debut with nine points, three rebounds, a block and a steal.

"This team is young in experience and I'm glad we were able to gut out a win," Head Coach Gary Holquist said. "I always say 'process over product.' We have to improve and get good at the process in order to produce wins."

After their loss in exhibition against the U of M they have improved.

"I think that when you play against a team that is so good your weaknesses show that much more," Holquist said. "They really pressured us defensively and they made us understand that we have to take care of the ball."

In the last few minutes of the second half, Michigan Tech battled their way back into the ball game and achieved a small lead for a few minutes. Returning senior Jordan Schade fired back with a three-pointer to put the Bulldogs back up 68-66. When the Hus-

kies responded with a basket of their own, the ball was given to senior Captain Ron White in hopes to sink the ball for a two-point victory. He did just that with only 2.3 seconds left on the clock and from 18 feet back.

"After the layup that I missed it couldn't get much worse, so this one had to go in for me," White said. "We are very dedicated to defense physically and offensively we try to grind it out and be unselfish. We played very hard, competed well and were able to get our first win of the season."

The Bulldogs will head to Mankato next weekend to take on Nebraska-Kearney and Maryville University-St. Louis.

The UMD's women's basketball team struggled against top-ranked Michigan Tech University, in their season opener last Sunday. The Bulldogs fell to the Huskies 68-85 on home court in Romano Gymnasium.

The Bulldogs held tight to the Huskies in the first half, but at the half were trailing 37-45. Despite being behind, senior Jheri Booker was able to put in 21 points.

Booker put up a career-high of 30 points in Sunday's game, surpassing her previous record by three points. Booker also put up four blocks and six rebounds.

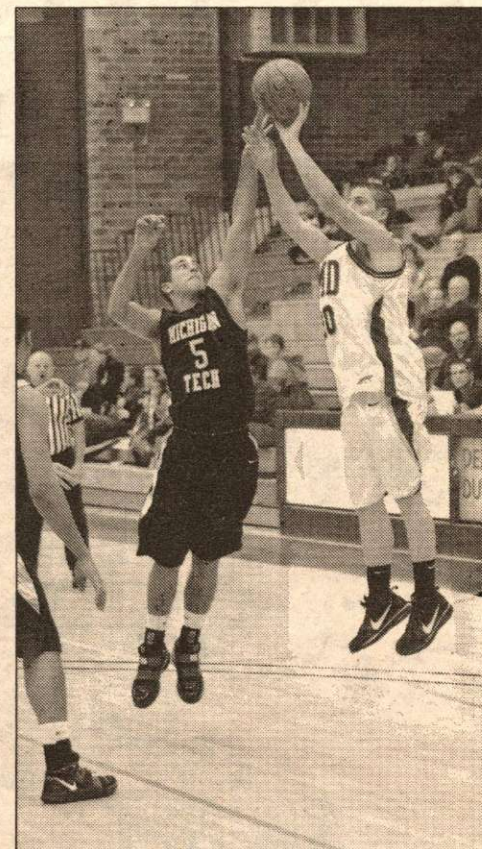
"We should have won but, we need to play a full game not just one half," Booker said. "We need to learn how to put those two halves together."

UMD shot 39.4 percent from the field compared to Michigan Tech's 46.4 percent on the floor and 47.8 percent with three-point attempts. Junior forward Kelsey Hewitt led the Bulldogs with 10 out of the 34 rebounds.



TOM CARIVEAU/STATESMAN
Lindsay Miller shoots over a defender.

"Last year the Bulldogs beat us on our home court," Michigan Tech University Head Coach John Barnes said. "They are a tough team and I would have been happy whether we won by one point or 20 points."



JOE OLIVERI/STATESMAN
Ryan Rasmussen pulls up for a jump shot.

We just wanted to come out on top."

This weekend the Bulldogs will head down to Warrensburg, M.O., to go play with the University of Nebraska-Omaha and Central Missouri State on Saturday.

Volleyball wins two at home to finish out regular season

BY SAMANTHA LEFEBVRE
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The UMD Bulldogs volleyball team ended their regular season at home last weekend at Romano Gymnasium on a high note with a weekend sweep over Upper Iowa and Winona State.

Friday night the Bulldogs beat the Upper Iowa Peacocks in a ruthless 3-2 battle. After losing the first two sets, the Bulldogs pulled together and pumped out the next three sets to pull off another Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) win.

"We definitely didn't start the way we had planned but we finally figured it out and started playing with some confidence," junior right side hitter Katie Kuffel said. "Each of us had our fair share of mistakes and when we finally relaxed a little and started playing our game it turned into a totally different match."

The turnaround of the match led to Kuffel racking up a

team high of 16 kills with a .333 hitting percentage. Anna Zyvoloski, Alyssa Nelson and April Hansen also tallied double-digit kills with 14, 13 and 11 kills.

"It felt great to put up some good numbers but it's a total team effort," Kuffel said. "I'm just glad we all brought our level of play up and finished strong."

Eleena Iisakka, the sophomore all-conference setter, supplied 47 set assists for the night, while senior Rachel Jacobson came out strong on the defensive end with 16 total digs.

Saturday night's match against Winona State University was a different story from the previous night in that UMD had the upper hand the entire match. The Bulldogs stomped on the Warriors 3-0, a much different outcome than their prior meeting earlier this season.

Nelson set the pace for the Bulldogs, striking an outstanding 20 kills for a hitting percentage of .545. In just the two games against the Warriors this season, Nelson has put way a shocking 50 kills.

Adding to Nelson's accomplishments, sophomores Hannah Johnson, and Hansen pounded out 13 and nine kills respectively. Iisakka set up a huge 50 assists, and Jacobson piled up 15 digs ending her admirable UMD career with 1,209 digs.

"Rachel has been a great leader for our team," Zyvoloski said. "She really puts her entire heart out on the court and gives it her all. She has been there for everyone and pushes us to be at our best. She is most definitely going to be missed."

The weekend NSIC sweep put the Bulldogs overall record at 22-8, and bumped their NSIC record to 15-5 going into post-season play.

"We want to have a big week of practice and head into this weekend playing our best ball of the season," Jacobson said. "Our main goal of the weekend is to shock people. We want to continue the success of the program and make it to that regional championship match but we also want to surpass that and make it to the national tournament. Anything's possible."

Fontaine tricks Huskies in 8-1 win Saturday



LARAMIE CARLSON/STATESMAN

Both teams focus on a flying puck in the Huskie zone, while Jack Connolly tries to hold possession for UMD.

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Fool me once, shame on me. Fool me twice, not going to happen. The UMD men's hockey team entered the weekend series against Michigan Tech having not recorded a loss on Friday evening all season. In the past weekend, things changed a little bit. Despite throwing up 50 shots against the Michigan Tech goaltender, the Bulldogs were only able to find the back of the net twice. Michigan Tech countered three times, and UMD fell 3-2 on Friday. Change was in the air Saturday. Brady Hjelle (after taking the back seat to Kenny Reiter on Friday) took his place between the pipes for Saturday's game and played at an all-star caliber. The Bulldog offense took the ice with a mission, and they didn't let up until the final second ticked off of the scoreboard.

It didn't take long for the team to get themselves on the board. Sophomore defenseman Brady Lamb broke the ice eight minutes into the first period, giving the Bulldogs the lead. A lead they kept for good. Keeping only a modest lead heading into the second period, UMD did not leave the game close.

Justin Fontaine took the team on

his shoulders and literally sprinted to the finish. Recording a hat trick, plus another goal along the way. He had the trick wrapped up by the end of the second period, making short work of the night. The Bulldogs made it look easy. By the end of the night, the scoreboard rested in favor of UMD, 8-1. After Fontaine's four goals, sophomore Brady Lamb contributed two of his own, and Mike Connolly and Mike Montgomery added one each. After a depressing Friday night, it was a promising sign to see the Bulldog offense back in form. Head Coach Sandelin was asked about the sudden surge of production overnight.

"We didn't do anything special, we just found a way to score tonight. It was great to see Justin [Fontaine] get back in the scoring column tonight," Sandelin said. UMD finished the weekend tied for third place in the WCHA, with nine points. This weekend, the team heads south to the Twin Cities to take on the Gophers.

Sandelin said it best, "We needed this one. We haven't lost on a Friday yet, so we needed to win tonight. Obviously, they're below us in the standings, and we want to keep it that way."

Athlete of the Week: Brad Foss

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It's not difficult to notice the offensive line the Bulldog football team has created this season. UMD has scored at least 30 points

in every contest they have won this year. Those aren't just good numbers, those are devastating numbers. Leading the way behind this unbelievable surge of points is the dominant Bulldog rushing attack. NFL analysts talk about professional backfields with powerful 1-2 punch runningback combinations, but here at UMD we have an unprecedented 1-1 punch.

When Isaac Odum heads to the sidelines, another Bulldog powerhouse jogs onto the field, and it's like Odum never left. This week's Athlete of the Week is the other head of the two-headed UMD backfield, junior running back

Brad Foss.

It may be perceived that he is playing second fiddle to Odum, but in reality, nothing could be further from the truth. In reality, this team is truly blessed to have both top-tier rushers on their roster. Just ask Foss.

"Making an immediate impact on our team, Odum has made me and many others compete at a higher level of play; watching some of his runs, all you can say is wow. Thus, when I'm in I have to run at that level so the tempo isn't lost," Foss said. "Since he has arrived we have made for a powerful tandem of running backs. We also have a very

experienced offensive line, which makes our job so much easier. I believe this has been the success of the Bulldog rushing offense." The regular season might be over, but that doesn't mean the work is. Being able to compete at the national level takes a sacrifice that most people outside of the sport would not understand.

"In preparation of the post-season, we take the playoffs on as a new season. Which it is. Staying healthy is now the main issue, when you get hurt early in the season you hope that you're back at this time because you know if you lose now, you're done. We need everyone.

Also, preparation with the use of game film and scouting reports is a higher priority; breaking down our opponent is a bit more time consuming because the unfamiliarity we have with them," Foss said. "Ultimately we all wish to bring home another title. We know what it takes, we just have to get it done."

The Bulldogs take to the national stage again this weekend when they host Nebraska-Kerney in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. Gametime is slated for Noon on Saturday at Malosky. It's on.